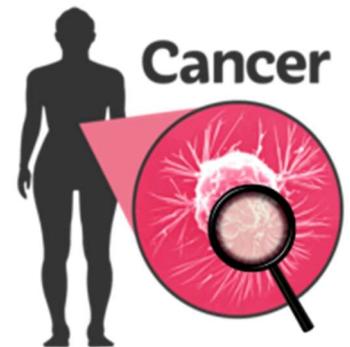


## Improving access to cancer screening among people with intellectual disabilities: development of a complex intervention

### What do we want to find out?

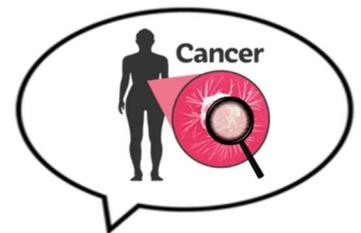
Cancer screening can save lives if people participate. **We have found that women with learning disabilities get screened for cancer much less often than the general population.<sup>1</sup>** Only 5 in 10 women with learning disabilities get screened for breast cancer, 4 in 10 get screened for cervical cancer, and 3 in 10 get screened for bowel cancer.

We would like to find out what makes screening easier or more difficult for people with learning disabilities to do. We would like to use this information to help improve access to cancer screening for people with learning disabilities.



### What are we going to do?

We are going to speak to people with learning disabilities, carers, and professionals about their experiences of cancer screening. We want to know why people do screening and why people do not do screening. We also want to know what helps people do screening and what makes it difficult.



### Who do we want to speak to?

**We want to speak to between 24 and 30 people with learning disabilities. We also want to speak to between 9 and 15 carers of people with severe or profound and multiple learning disabilities.** Participants with learning disabilities and the people receiving care must be old enough to be invited for screening. Women must be 25 or older, and men must be 50 or older. **We want to speak to people who have and have not done cancer screening.**

We also want to speak to around 56 professionals who know about cancer screening or who help support people with learning disabilities.



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